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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION
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Title: Muffler

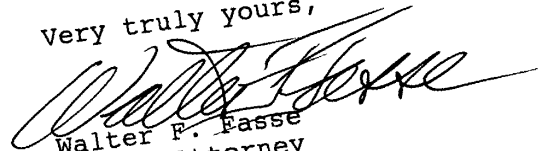
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Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:
 - a) 9 consecutive pages of written description;
4 consecutive pages with 22 claims, 2 independent;
1 page with an abstract;
5 sheets with 5 Figs. (Figs. 1 to 5) of drawings;
 - b) a fully executed FAX COPY of the Declaration, Power of Attorney with 3 pages;
 - c) return receipt postcard;
 - d) Form PTO-2038 for (\$393.00) to cover the filing fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507; and
 - e) Priority Document No. 102 30 044.5.
- 2) The applicant qualifies for and claims **Small Entity Status**.
- 3) The Priority of an earlier application:
No. 102 30 044.5 filed on July 4, 2002 in the Federal Republic of Germany
is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please
acknowledge the priority claim. NOTE: **Filing on Monday, July 7,
2003 is timely since Friday, July 4, 2003 was a National Holiday
and July 5th and 6th, 2003 were on a weekend.**
- 4) Please acknowledge the receipt of the Priority Document.
- 5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:
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